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**Subject: ADIZ Rule**

My name is David A. Velez. I am a Private Pilot, with Instruments and Commercial Ratings. I own my own Cessna Skylane (N52322). I have been flying for the last ten years. I have a total of about 900 hours, and fly about 100 hours a year. My airplane is based in the Sky Manor Airport (N40) in New Jersey. As such, at least every month, I fly over airspace B's such as New York and Boston. I also frequently fly into the Fredericks Airport in Maryland.

Very regretfully, after the deplorable event of 9/11, my airplane was "stuck" in the MWI airport which is where I was parked during that terrible event. It took us 3 weeks to manage to fly the airplane out of that area at a very high cost and trouble.

I am a very responsible pilot, and have always been very respectful, but the TFRs that are being implemented create lots of problems and I don't think solve any problems.

General Aviation is NOT the problem, and actually can represent a solution. We can be of great value as this was proven during the recent devastating Katrina hurricane. Small airplanes have never been a threat in this country and do not have the capacity to become one. But rather than considering us a potential threat, the government should look at us as a resource which can be of immense value in mobilizing resource in a timely, safe fashion.

The currently placed ADIZ limits the freedoms that we have established for ourselves in this country, and does not provide any real protection to the city of Washington DC. We, as pilots, respectfully demand public hearings on this ADIZ rule. The Washington, D.C., ADIZ is operationally unworkable and imposes major burdens on pilots and air traffic controllers alike, all with minimal security benefits, and it must NOT be made permanent.

Protecting the unique assets in the nation's Capital is important, but this can be achieved with the existing requirements for the 15-mile Flight Restricted Zone (FRZ). This has been augmented by other security measures put in place around Washington, D.C., including ground-based missile defense systems, more nimble air interdiction capability with U.S. Customs helicopters, and a laser warning system.

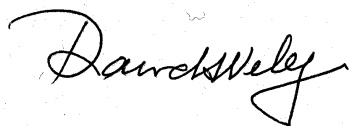
The FAA must implement safer, more efficient and rational security procedures for the airspace in the Washington, D.C., area. Lighter aircraft, flying at slower speeds, should not be subject to the current ADIZ requirements for filing a flight plan, obtaining a unique transponder code and maintaining two-way communications with Air Traffic Control.

The proposed rule is flawed because the evaluation of the economic and operational impacts on pilots and aviation businesses and an analysis of alternatives are insufficient.

No general aviation aircraft has ever been used in a terrorist attack. And the government has determined that not a single ADIZ violation was terrorist-related.

The fundamental principles of our country are based on **Freedom**. The current ADIZ imposes limitations on our freedom and does not resolve the fundamental problem is trying to address. I reiterate my request to hold hearing on this ADIZ proposal so a better solution is found without restricting or freedom and further imposing government controls in our lives.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "David A. Velez". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping "D" and a long, trailing "y" that loops back under the "z".

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